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New courses at St. Michaels

Recommendations of the 1969 Report of the Commission on the Government of the University of Toronto are bearing interesting fruit. Each College, it was then proposed, should strive, in accordance with its own convictions and desires, to develop a distinctive style of social and academic life. Mobility of students between Colleges should be encouraged. Duplication of courses of limited enrolment should be avoided. The present trend, therefore, is towards diversification and the introduction of the unique. Alumni of St. Michael's may be interested in three new offerings for undergraduates initiated this year.

Prof. S.B. Chandler

Prof. Marshall McLuhan

Italian Civilization

There is now a separate Department of Italian Studies at the University of Toronto. Its chairman, Professor S. B. Chandler, has cooperated with Father Kelly in setting up an undergraduate interdisciplinary course in Italian Civilization to be given at St. Michael's. The aim of the course will be to examine the development of Italian culture and thought from the Middle Ages to the present day. Representative works by major authors will be studied (in English translation), but the emphasis will be on culture and ideas rather than on literature as such. Professor Chandler will be joined by nine other U of T faculty members, some from other disciplines, in presenting this program. *To commence 74-75.*

Communications: A Survey of Traditional and Contemporary Methods and Theories

Professor Marshall McLuhan will preside at weekly two-hour sessions on Communications. This will be a cross-disciplinary course that seeks to enrich any programme of studies in which a student is enrolled. In the first term discussion will focus mainly on the history of communications as they have existed in different cultures: pre-literate, classical, mediaeval, renaissance, modern. A core teaching team made up of representatives of a number of disciplines will meet with the class at the weekly sessions, and students will also participate in tutorial groups that will meet once every three weeks. Each student will be expected to undertake an exploratory project of his choice that could relate to existing commitments that will provide a basis for evaluation of his work. In the second term the focus of discussion will shift somewhat more to communications in the

modern world, to a consideration of such matters as the impact of media upon our world, the structure of decision-making in government and business, the city as a form of communications, our electronic environment, and the artifacts of our age. Visitors from many professional fields and in the media, the commercial and political establishments, will participate as guests in the weekly sessions.

Prof. E. F. Lynch and Patrick Lawlor, M.P.P.

Philosophy, Law and Society

Alumnae and alumni back in the classroom? Yes — but this time as instructors. A new course in the Philosophy Department will do just that. *Philosophy, Law and Society* (PHI 275F) is being offered as a pilot-course in the hope that a study of the nature of law and the role it plays in society will prove of sufficient worth that it may become the basis for a full-course or even a multi-course programme. Two lawyers, Messrs. Patrick Lawlor and Ian Scott, both graduates of St. Michael's, have been working with Prof. L. Lynch to develop the content of the course and will serve as instructors. It is planned to involve additional graduates as well. The course makes no claim at providing legal training; it is conceived as but one component in a broader liberal arts programme dedicated to a study of man's humanizing activities in history, literature, philosophy, theology, etc., — in this case the focus will be on the role that law plays in man's social life and the institutions it has spawned. A real effort will be made to put the professional experience of our graduates at the disposal of our current undergraduates.

Alumni Lecture

Tantalizing? We think so too — so much so in fact that for a starter the Alumni Association is arranging with Dr. Lynch to have a special evening in November to give alumni a taste of what is going on.

Philosophy, Law and Society
Wednesday, November 14, 1973
Carr Auditorium
8:00 p.m.

Format plans are still incomplete. Dr. Lynch and Patrick Lawlor have already agreed to participate, and it is expected that they will be joined on the platform by other alumni course instructors.

N.B. There will be no further *general* publicity on this event. If you wish to receive further details, please send your name to the Alumni Office.

Alumni Children entering St. Michael's

Alumni with children entering first year at St. Michael's this year include Frank **Addario** '44 of Welland (daughter Susan); Eugene **Bracken** '40 (daughter Susan); Bill '51 and Arden **(Spence)** '54 **Broadhurst** (son Tom), Dr. Hugh '49 and Ann **(Sullivan)** '51 **Canning** (daughter Ann Marie); Mary **(Hallinan)** Collins '36 (son Michael); Marie **(Auger)** Coutu '47 (daughter Jane Marie); Joe and Lorraine **(Poulin)** **Davin** both '52 (son James); Donald '54 and Joanne **(Mahon)** '53 (son Robin); Leslie and Joanne (McWilliam) **Dewart** both '51 (daughter Leslie); Bob **Dodds** '52 (son Paul), John **Drury** '48 (son D'Arcy); Phyllis **(Weiler)** Horbatiuk '48 (son Paul), Gerald **Horgan** '40 (daughter Patricia); Prof. Tom **Lang** '48 (daughter Catherine); Kay **(Hanlon)** Meechan '48 (daughter Mary); Barbara **(Hood)** Mulroney '45 (son David); Dan '52 and Mary Sue **(McGee)** '54 **McCarthy** (daughter Mary); Pat **McLoughlin** '50 (daughter Michelle); Winifred **(Flanagan)** Noble '40 (son Gordon), Edward '53 and Jean **(Meraw)** '51 **O'Keefe** of Pittsfield, Mass. (son James); Hugh **Platt** '47 (son Stephen), Tom **Popp** '49 of Syracuse, N.Y. (son Thomas); Bill '48 and Pat **(Pratt)** '49 **Stafford** (daughter Mary); Ferruccio **Viola** '49 of Hamilton (daughter Sharon); John W. **Wilson** of Alliston (son John) and Judge Edward **Wren** '49 (son Paul).

P.I.M.S. News

1. Saint Thomas Aquinas 1274-1974 Commemorative Studies, two volumes, at printer — in proof — for January 1974. Editor-in-chief, A. Maurer csb. Foreword by E. Gilson, papers by A. Walz, A. Dondaine, C.M.J. Vansteenkiste, L.-B. Geiger, G.

Verbeke, J. Pelikan, G. Anawati, B. Smalley, W. Wallace, M.-D. Chenu, E. Mascall and many staff members, PIMS – including the following alumni of SMC: Walter Principe, csb, William Dunphy, John F. Quinn csb, Armand A. Maurer csb.

To mark the seventh centenary of the death of Aquinas and to illuminate the many facets of Saint Thomas's thought; owing to generous subsidies, two volumes at $20.00...

2. Ambrose J. Raftis csb (SMC alumnus) currently in England in connection with his continuing project, subsidized at $43,000.00, on medieval village life and mobility; this is in the second stage and has produced a 'data bank' of thousands of names with startling implications for the conventional history of the English peasant, yeoman, and townsman: they were not tied to the land in the way that has previously been accepted and had a much greater part in the public lite of the village – court-rolls, v.g. have been a source for this study and they show a dynamic lite, shared in by men thought to have been restricted to plowing and sowing...

3. James Weisheipl op has received a Fellowship at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, for the year 1973-1974; he will do the last chapter of the first volume of a multi-vulume work on the history of the University of Oxford; this chapter, "Ockham and the Mertonian", will tie together all previous chapters; this work is intended to replace the standard work of Rashdall (re-edited by M. Powicke and A.B. Emden) on the Universities of Europe in the middle ages, the third volume of which was devoted to Oxford and is under the general editorship of Trevor H. Ashton.

James McConica csb, will come into this enterprise at a later volume on the Tudor period; he is acting during the year 1973-1974 as Deputy Director and Chairman of the PhD Committee for the Centre for Medieval Studies, U of T.

Notes from the Faculty of Theology

Staff

Returning to the Faculty and ICT after 3 years study leave is Father William Irwin, CSB, an Associate Professor in Old Testament. Father Irwin has been at the Pontifical Biblical Institute, where he prepared a thesis on Isaiah for the coveted Doctorate in Sacred Scripture. Two new professors will be offering courses in the Faculty during 1973-74: Rev. Gerald McGuigan, CSB, MA (Toronto), D ès Sc. Soc. (Laval), and Rev. Lawrence Faye, CSB, MA, Ph.D (Notre Dame). Father McGuigan, who has taught economic history at the Universities of British Columbia and Toronto, will offer courses on "Theology and the Social Sciences", while Father Faye, who comes here from the University of St. Thomas, will give courses in "Pastoral Counselling: Theory and Practice".

In August the Faculty of Theology sponsored a 3-week workshop intended to prepare archivists for religious communities and other ecclesiastical institutions. The workshop was organized and directed by V. Rev. T. J. Hanrahan, CSB, and attracted 31 religious from across Canada and the U.S.

Although final figures are not yet available, there has been an excellent response to the evening credit courses to be offered by the Faculty during the current year. Applicants include a high proportion of SMC alumni, especially from the teaching profession.

As outlined in the Summer Newsletter, Fall courses, which began in September, are on FOUNDATIONS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Tuesdays) and a READING PROGRAM IN THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH (Thursdays). Spring courses will be an INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT and FOUNDATIONS OF THEOLOGY. Tuition is $100.00 per course per semester. For further information please apply to the Office of the Dean of the Faculty of Theology at St. Michael's.

THE VARSITY FUND

THE ANNUAL ALUMNI SUPPORT PROGRAM

Please help us spend your Varsity Fund dollars where they count most. Telethon campaigns cost money as well as valuable man-and-woman-canvasser-hours. You will already have received a letter in our mailings of May 1st or September 4th. A good response to that initial appeal before October 20th can cut down later solicitaton costs appreciably. Cheques may be post-dated up to December 31st, 1973, if that is more convenient. Please bear in mind, however, that official receipts cannot be issued until cheques have been cashed.

Remember...

St. Michael's needs your support:

To maintain her Traditional Identity.

To foster her Distinguished Professor Programme.

To provide support for Innovative Projects for which no other financial aid is available.

To assist needy and deserving students who otherwise would miss the opportunity for and the advantage of a university education.

Basilian Chapter News

Father James Hanrahan

Father James Hanrahan, '49 was elected fourteenth Superior General of the Basilian Fathers at their general chapter which was held at St. Michael's College during the month of July. He succeeds Father Joseph Wey, '33, who had completed twelve years in this office and who has returned to the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies. During the past six years Father Hanrahan had been on leave from the Department of History in the University of British Columbia to serve as First Councillor of the Basilian Fathers and Special Visitor to the Basilian Missions. At the time of his graduation from high school in Halifax, N.S., he expressed an interest in teaching and the late Msgr. Gerald B. Phelan, another Halogonian, directed him to the Basilian Novitiate in Toronto.

Father William Gibbons, '46, was elected to fill Father Hanrahan's place as First Councillor. Father Gibbons taught Mathematics and Physics in the Freshman "Western" course and served as registrar of it after Father William "Marty" O'Toole, '24, retired in 1959. In 1964 he was named Basilian Superior and Principal of his high school Alma Mater, Catholic Central High School for Boys in Detroit. In the following year he was elected Regional Representative for the Eastern United States Region of the Basilian Fathers and in this capacity served on the Basilian Gerneral Council.

Father William Young, '48, was re-elected Second General Councillor of the Basilian Fathers. He has taught French at St. Michael's College, St. John Fisher College, Rochester, N.Y., where a former registrar of St. Michael's, Father Charles Lavery, '37, is now President, and at the University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas, where he was also President at the time of his election in 1967 to the Basilian General Council. During the past six years Father Young has also served as Special Visitor for the Basilian Houses in France.

Father Elliott Allen

Father Elliott Allen, '46, Dean of the Faculty of Theology and one of the Founders of the Toronto School of Theology, is now the religious superior of the Basilians resident at St. Michael's College. He brings to this post experience gained on Basilian Councils at St. Mark's College, Vancouver, St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, and at St. Michael's. In August he moved into the familiar office built in 1862 by Father Soulerin and occupied since by priests well known to St. Michael's students: Fathers Teety, Roche, Carr, McCorkell, Bellisle, McLaughlin, Bondy, Shook, and his immediate predecessor Father Robert Madden, '52, who has moved across St. Joseph Street to serve as the Basilian Superior of St. Basil's College and who will continue to teach in the Department of English.